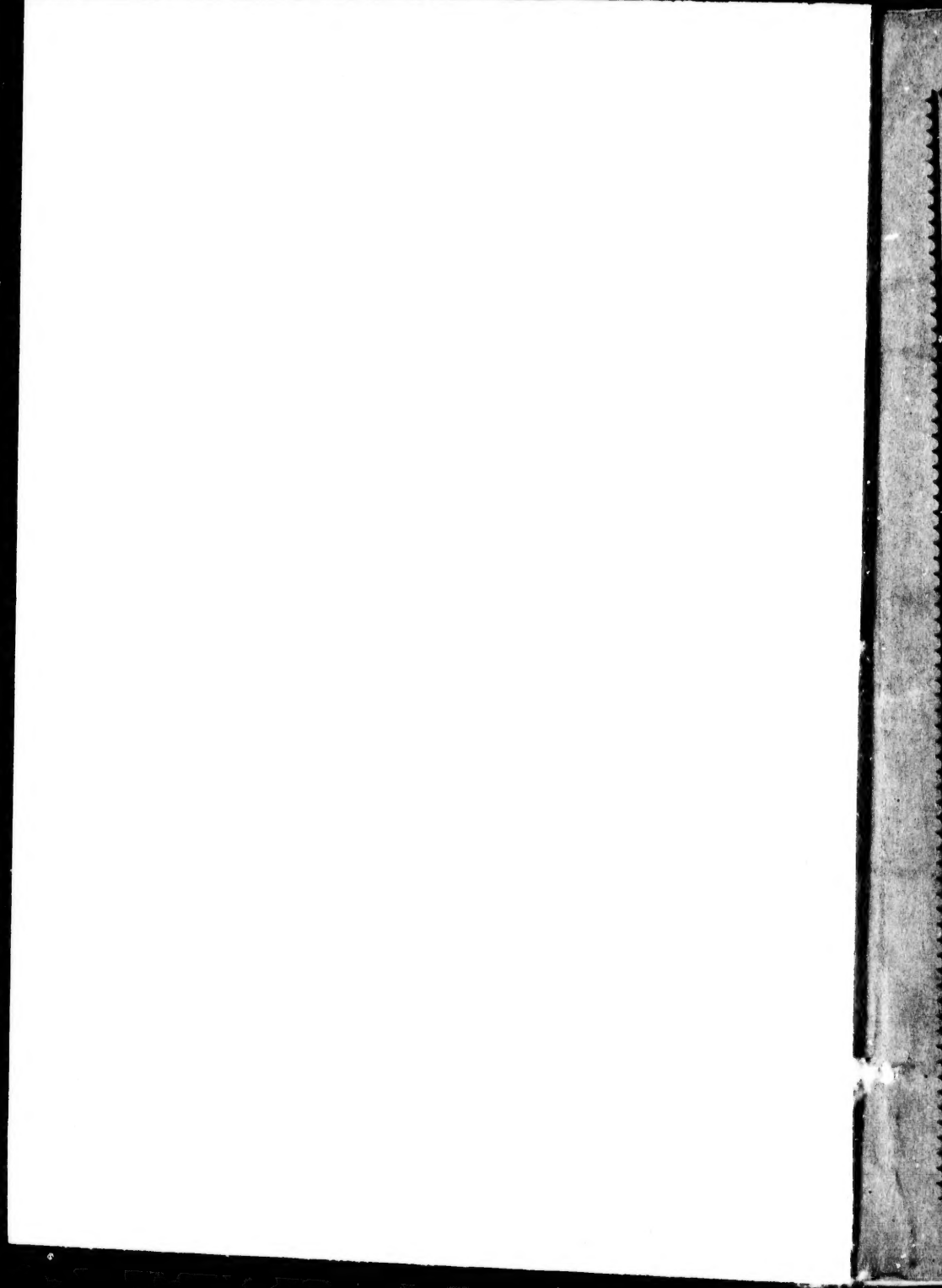




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Article I.

NAME.

This Company shall be known as and designated the
~~D~~ELUGE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1, Victoria, V. I.

Article II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Officers of this Company shall consist of a Foreman, First and Second Assistants, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, and three Delegates to the Fire Department of this city, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

SEC. 2. The names of members nominated for office shall be taken down by the Secretary, and on notice from the Chair the nominations shall close. Tellers being appointed by the Chair the Company shall proceed to election by written ballot. The candidate receiving the majority of *all* the votes cast shall be declared elected. But if more than two run, on each succeeding ballot the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

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Article III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The full roll of this Company shall consist of seventy active members, and as many contributing as the Company may see fit to elect.

Article IV.

PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Candidates for election may be proposed at any Monthly meeting and the Company shall proceed to election at the next Monthly meeting, but the election may be postponed by a majority vote of the Company then present until the next Monthly meeting thereafter.

SEC. 2. Candidates shall be voted for by *ball ballot*—three black balls excluding—and only one shall be ballotted for at a time.

SECTION 3. No vote on the election of a candidate shall be reconsidered more than twice. In cases of rejection a meeting for reconsideration can only be made by members voting in the negative; at the expiration of six months the candidate may be proposed again.

Article V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Foreman to act as Chairman at all the business meetings of the Company, and countersign (when authorized by a vote

of a constitutional majority of the Company) all checks and orders on the Treasurer.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Foreman to take command of the Company at all times, and see that the engine is kept in thorough working order.

SEC. 3. In cases of extraordinary services he may, at his discretion, procure refreshment for the Company, while on active duty, and present his bill to the Company for payment; also to grant leave of absence to any member, when he may think proper; to obtain a discharge for the Company as soon as possible after the fire is extinguished.

SEC. 4. It will also be his duty to act as Chairman and call a Special meeting of the Company in cases of emergency, or at the written request of ten members; furthermore he shall call the same within one week after the receipt of request.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the First Assistant to aid the Foreman in the discharge of his several duties; and in the absence of the Foreman he shall act in that capacity.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Second Assistant to take charge of the Leading Hose and Leading Hosemen, and in the absence of the Foreman and First Assistant he shall perform their duties.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the minutes of all meetings on a book kept for that purpose; also a Roll-book; and under the direction of the presiding officer to call the roll and note-

all the absentees, and keep a correct account with each member; receive and collect all Fees, Dues, Fines or monies collectable from or on account of the Company, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and shall make a report every Quarter, and a general report at the end of his term of office.

SEC. 8.—It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify new members of their election, answer all communications, agreeable to the wish of the Company. For all of such services the Secretary will be exempt from dues.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to safely keep all monies of the Company, and disburse the same on order of the Standing Committee, countersigned by the President and Secretary. He shall deposit all sums over Fifty dollars (subject to the approval of the Company) in any bank, to the credit of the DELUGE MAINE COMPANY, No. 1, Victoria, V. I., subject to his order countersigned by the Foreman and Secretary, when such order is authorized by a vote of the Company, and shall render a faithful statement of the amounts, when required to do so by the Company.

Article VI.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of a member elect upon receiving notice of his election, to attend the first meeting thereafter, and sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and pay his Initiation fee.

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SEC. 2. Upon the alarm of fire, each member shall repair to the Engine House and assist in drawing the engine to the place designated by the Foreman or any officer in command, and do all in his power to work the same, and remain where it is stationed, or attend to any duty to which he may be detailed by the aforesaid officer.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the member first arriving at the Engine House, on the alarm of fire, to take the tongue of the engine; and upon arrival at the place designated for the same, he or they may take charge of the pipe, so long as the engine is engaged, as a post of honor.

SEC. 4. In the absence of the Foreman or his Assistants any member shall have the right to take the Trumpet and act in their capacity until the arrival of the proper officer.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of every active member to attend punctually all meetings of the Company and obey the commands of the officer in power, or he will be liable to the fines and penalties prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 6. None but Active Members shall have a vote or voice in the meetings of the Company.

Article VII.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Any Officer or Active Member of this Company who shall have, at a fire or otherwise, when

on duty as a Fireman, distinguished himself in a manner rendering the act meritorious, and who, while a member, did his duty faithfully, may be elected an Honorary Member, and shall receive a certificate of such membership, signed by the Foreman and Secretary.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall contribute to this Company, at one time, the sum of Fifty dollars (\$50), may be elected a Life Member.

SEC. 3. Any person contributing the sum of Two dollars (\$2) monthly, to this Company, may be elected a contributing member, and enrolled as such upon a list kept for that purpose.

Article VIII.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The Standing Committee will consist of three members who shall be elected annually by written ballot, the majority of votes cast electing.

SEC. 2. It shall be their duty to inquire rigidly into the character and capacity of all candidates for membership and to report, in writing, on all names submitted to them, using only the term "favorable" or "unfavorable," as the case may be. They shall also inquire into all cases of neglect of duty when required by the Company.

SEC. 3. It shall also be their duty to act as Auditing Committee for the Company.

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Article IX.

M E E T I N G S.

SECTION 1. The Annual Meetings of the Company shall be held on the Second Monday of March of each year; and the Stated Meetings on the second Monday of each month.

SEC. 2 Special Meetings may be held at any time, by order of the Foreman, or on the written request of fifteen members of the Company, and due notice thereof shall be given by an insertion in one of the Morning Papers or otherwise.

SEC. 3. Ten Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article X.

E X P E N S E S.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of this Company, each member shall pay an Initiation fee of One dollar, (\$1) and shall contribute One dollar, (\$1) per month thereafter.

SEC. 2. Should the disbursements at any time exceed the receipts, the deficiency may be made up by equal assessment on all the members; providing a resolution, authorizing such assessment, shall have been passed by a vote of the Company; and further, that no liabilities or money engagements shall be entered into until by such action of the Company their liquidation is fully provided for.

Article XI.**IMPEACHMENTS.**

SECTION 1. Any officer who may be negligent of his duty, or who may be deemed unworthy to occupy the position to which he has been elected, may be impeached, after charges have been preferred against him by any member of the Company. A vote shall then be taken, and if a majority of the members so decide, the Secretary shall notify him to appear at the next stated meeting of the Company to answer the same, and if he does not appear, or if the charges are sustained, he shall be broken from office.

Article XII.**EXPULSIONS.**

SECTION 1. Any member repeatedly remiss in duty, or who shall commit such acts as shall render him obnoxious to his fellow members, shall be expelled from the Company. The facts shall be presented by any officer or member of the Company; a vote shall then be taken, and if a majority of the members so decide, the Secretary shall notify the said member to appear at the next stated meeting and answer to the charges, and if he do not appear, or if the charges are sustained, such member shall be expelled.

SEC. 2. A member may be expelled or his name be taken from the Roll when his indebtedness to the Company shall exceed Ten dollars (\$10), provided he has been notified of such fact by the Secretary.

Article XIII.**ROLL CALL.**

SECTION 1. After an alarm of fire has been given by ringing the Engine House Bell, and the Engine not having been worked, the Roll shall be called within *Two Minutes* after the Engine has been housed. But if the Engine has been worked the Roll shall be called *immediately* after the housing of the Engine.

SECTION 2. On calling the Roll each and every member present shall answer to his individual name and none other, except the officers who shall answer for those he has excused, and those present who do not answer to their names, when twice called, shall be marked as not present and so fined.

Article XIV.**FINES AND PENALTIES.**

SECTION 1. A member doing duty as an officer shall, for the time, be subject to all the penalties attached to the office he fills.

SEC. 2. For neglect of duties respectively prescribed to each of the officers of the Company, they shall individually incur a fine of not less than One dollar (\$1), nor more than Three dollars (\$3), at the discretion of the Company.

SEC. 3. Each and every member shall be subject to the following fines :—

For not answering at the Roll Call when the Engine has been worked and the Engine House Bell rung.....\$1 00

Or if the Bell has been rung and the Engine not worked 50

For leaving the Engine while on duty without permission of the officer in command 1 00

And if a member so leaving does not return before Roll Call 1 00

For neglecting to provide himself with the uniform of the Company within the time prescribed by the By-Laws..... 1 00

And for each subsequent Thirty days 1 00

For loaning his cap or belt to any other than a member of the Company, except by permission of the Foreman..... 1 00

SEC. 4. For any neglect of duty on the part of a member, for which a specific penalty is not herein prescribed, he shall incur a fine not less than 50 cents nor more than \$2 at the discretion of the Company.

SEC 5. At meetings for business each member shall be subject to fines as follows:—

For absence from a Special Meeting, after having signed the written request for such meeting.....\$5 00

For absence at Roll Call 25

For not appearing at all..... 50

For Leaving without permission 50

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Members when in the City, not present at the Monthly Meeting to give their excuses, shall stand fined as charged on the Books of the Company.

SEC. 6. The above fines shall not be imposed where-
in there is sickness or death in the family of a member
of this Company; personal sickness; absence from
town, or unavoidable detention in business hours.

Article XV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. No amendment or alteration shall be
made to this Constitution unless the same be publicly
submitted in writing at a Regular Meeting, and pass by
a majority of the members present, and re-read at a
subsequent Regular Meeting, when it shall require a
two-third vote of the Company for its final adoption.

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BY-LAWS.

LAW 1ST. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting and questions of approval.
3. Reception of Communications, Bills, &c., (except Reports of Committees)
4. Report of Standing Committee on Candidates.
5. Election of Candidates.
6. Signing Constitution.
7. Proposition for Membership.
8. Assessment of Fines and Dues.
9. Report of Auditing Committee.
10. Report of Special Committees.
11. Deferred Business.
12. New Business.
13. Roll Call.
14. Adjournment.

LAW 2. The Foreman shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings of the Company, appoint Committees of three or under, and shall have none but a casting vote, except when more than a majority is re-

quired or when voting by ballot. He shall take no part in debate while occupying the Chair.

LAW 3. A member wishing to speak on any question shall rise and address the Chair, and if two or more members shall rise at the same time the one furthest from the Chair shall be deemed to have the floor.

LAW 4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than *five* minutes at a time unless by permission of the Chair.

LAW 5. No debate shall be heard on any motion until the same shall have been seconded, and when a question is before the Company no motion shall be received but—

1st.—To adjourn.

2nd.—To lay on the table.

3rd.—The previous question.

4th.—To postpone.

5th.—Amend.

And they shall take precedence in the order in which they are arranged, the first three to be decided without debate.

LAW 6.—When any question is submitted every member present shall vote either for or against the same, unless excused by the Chair.

LAW 7. After any question has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority may move and second a reconsideration thereof; but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed unless the same be reconsidered.

LAW 8. The Chair shall state every question coming before the Company, and immediately before taking the vote shall ask "Is the Company ready for the question?" and should no member rise to speak he shall take the question, and after it has been taken no member shall speak upon it, unless by consent of the Company. He shall pronounce the vote and decisions of the Company upon all subjects.

LAW 9. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is speaking or a vote is being taken, and shall be decided without debate. If no time be specified it shall be until the next Regular Meeting.

LAW 10. Any member may call another to order while speaking, when the debate shall be suspended until the point of order is determined; should the Chair confirm the call, appeal may be made to the Company, and the objectionable words, if required, be taken down in writing by the Secretary. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Chair on a point of order; the question shall be—"Do you sustain the Chair?" and it shall be decided by a majority without debate.

LAW 11. When it is voted to lay any subject on the table it cannot be taken up at the same meeting unless by a two-third vote of the members present.

LAW 12. All members shall provide themselves with the uniform of the Company within sixty days after their enrollment.

LAW 13. There shall be a Committee of three elected annually whose duty it shall be to see that each is suitably provided with the necessary uniform of the Company within the time specified in Law 12. They shall also be empowered to purchase any uniform or parts of uniform of the Company that may have got into possession of others than members of the same, subject to the approbation of this Company.

LAW 14. It shall be the duty of any member wishing to resign from the Company, whose intention is to leave the Colony, to first give the Company the preference of purchasing his uniform.

LAW 15. Any member leaving the Colony without permission of the Foreman, his name shall be stricken from the Roll, but his fines and dues will stand charged against him until the same amounts to Ten dollars (\$10) which will make him liable for expulsion without further notices.

LAW 16. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, when any member of the Company is expelled, to communicate the same to each of the other Companies in this Department.

LAW 17. TIME OF MEETING.—At the Regular Meeting of this Company the Roll shall be called at 7 o'clock, P. M. from the 1st of September of each year, until the 1st of April of the succeeding year; and at 8 o'clock from the 1st of April of said year until the 1st of September following.

LAW 18. ORDER IN MEETING.—After the Presiding

Officer has taken the chair at the meeting any member refusing to observe order will be reprimanded or fined at the discretion of the Company.

LAW 19. RESIGNATION.—No resignation of a member shall be accepted until all fines, dues, assessments, &c., be paid, except by a two-third vote of the members present.¹

LAW 20. PRACTICE.—This Company shall meet at least once a month for practice by due notice being given of time for such practice by the Foreman at a Regular Monthly Meeting or notice in one of the Morning papers.

LAW 21.—AMENDMENTS.—These By-Laws may be amended by a two-third vote of those present at any Regular Monthly Meeting, provided that one month's notice thereof be given in writing.

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